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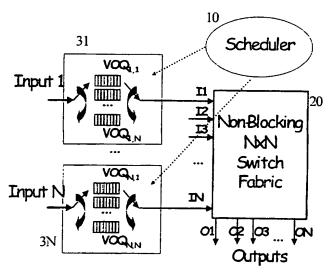
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(57) Abstract: Switch requests within a packet switch are allocated by processing switch request data for each input port to generate request data for each input port-output port pairing; and generating an allocation plan by sorting the request data relating to each of the input/output pairs in terms of their queue length, and for each such pair, considered in the sorted order, allocating as many of the requests in the queue as can be accommodated in the remaining time slots.



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